



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time Sunday 16th July 2023, Year A
Readings:: Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

Reflection - On Being a Pilgrim

This weekend we bless David Hensel as a pilgrim to World Youth Day.

Being "pilgrim" has some characteristics we might take time to reflect on.

- A pilgrim is always moving. Pope Francis said, 'our life is a journey, and when we stop moving, things go wrong'.
- A pilgrim does not wander aimlessly.
- The pilgrim is part of a wider community. Pope Francis put it this way to a group of young people in 2013, 'it is terrible to walk alone, terrible and tedious. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us: this helps us, it helps us to arrive precisely at the destination where we must arrive!'
- The pilgrim is never alone, the prayers and thoughts of loved ones are with them. The pilgrim thinks often of them, and is appreciative.
- The pilgrim reflects deeply, on all aspects of life.
- Pilgrimage can be painful, lonely, fun filled, social, spiritual and all of those at once (just like life).
- The pilgrimage continues despite weather, pain, tedium, hunger and thirst, and things out of the pilgrim's control.
- The pilgrim savours moments, relationships, contacts, then let's them go.
- The people one meets on pilgrimage are the real blessing. If one asks ten minutes from you, give them twenty, they probably need it, and you bless them with your time, as they bless you.

David, take with you our prayers and blessing.

Joe Green

Parish Information

Thank You

After being on the Parish Liturgy Team for a number of years, both before the transition to one parish and since, Pat Collier has stood down.

We really appreciate the contribution Pat has made: she has been a steadying influence in what has been a time of great change.

Pat will still be involved in things liturgical, including children's liturgy, and school/parish activities.

A big thank you Pat.

Communion Under Both Kinds

The Parish Liturgy Group and the Parish Leadership Team have agreed not to return to communion under both kinds at this time.

While it is a parish decision, the advice of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor was also sought. COVID is still with us, and being mid-winter there are several respiratory illness floating about, including flu and general coughs and colds. We will review this as we move into summer.

We work to keep each other well.

Joe Green (Lay Pastoral Leader)

Sacramental Programme

The Eucharist Programme begins this Sunday for those that did not attend the One Day Programme during the week.

If you have not already registered for the Eucharist and Confirmation Programme, and would like to participate, please [click here](#).

Bookings can be made through the Parish Office.

If you have any queries, you can contact: Ana Baice on 021 227 3754 or the Parish Office, (04) 478 7137.



First Communion One Day Course

25 children and 5 leaders enjoyed last Tuesday when they joined this day opportunity to learn about Jesus, the Loaves and Fishes story, the Last Supper. They learned that when we receive Jesus we are called to be like him, to live as he did, to love and to serve.

We learnt about the parts of the Mass and Church, played bingo and other games, coloured in sheets and loaves and fishes, acted out a gospel story, learnt a song and just had a lot of fun being together.

We had great feedback from the children and parents: one mum said that her son had gone home and wanted to watch some YouTube about the Last Supper and a dad reported that before dinner his son insisted the family did the First Communion Quiz!

At the end of the day I was tired and so were the children!

Everyone is welcome to join the Sunday sessions that begin this weekend if you are interested in joining this programme. Anyone 8 years and over are welcome. **Contact Ana Baice 021 227 3754 or the Parish Office.**



Parish Information

Faafetai, faafetai, faafetai lava St Francis of Assisi Parish Ohariu!

The churchware that was kindly donated by your parish has been presented to the Chapel of the Sacred Oils in Leauvaa, Upolu - Samoa.

Peseta Ana To'o, a retired NZ Police officer resides in Samoa. The Divine Mercy prayer group from CPWS (St Annes, Newtown) recently attended the WACOM International conference in May that was held in Samoa and bestowed the gifts - of four candlestick holders, two ciboriums, two chalices and paten dishes.

The small parish were in awe and emotionally grateful for the kindness of the much-needed churchware for their chapel.

This parish is part of the Samoa Archdiocese which is located in a remote part of the Leauva'a village serving the villagers coming in from afar.

Thank you again for the support, the gifts of churchware for a chapel that needed it and for the alofa your parish have given - Laudato Si' in action at Ohariu Parish.

Melania Lui



IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Are you a young adult searching for the meaning of life?

We have an invitation for you!

Alpha is coming to our parish - a place to connect with others as you explore the big questions in life.

Join us and bring your mates along for a shared meal, an episode on a topic of faith, a chance to ask questions and share ideas.

All are welcome to attend.

Join us for a **PROMO NIGHT** on **Tuesday 8th August, 6:30pm** in our church hall.

To register, email alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lucienne Hensel



Christian Meditation

A Christian Meditation groups meets: **Mondays**, at 7.00 - 7.45pm in the Committee Room, Uniting Church, Johnsonville.

Meditation is not something new to Christianity. It is rooted in the gospel and in Paul's letters. Also known as contemplative prayer, meditation is the ecumenical prayer of silence and listening.

"Be still and know that I am God" - Psalm 46.:10

To learn more about Christian Meditation ring Linda or Nick Polaschek, ph: (04) 479 7955 or simply come along any Monday evening.

The World Community for Christian Meditation has a comprehensive website: www.wccm.org

Other Events/Notices

Matariki Event

The Focolare Movement have organised an Ecumenical event.

Anthony Gomez from the Wellington Astronomical Society will be giving a presentation about the stars, Matariki and the challenge of climate change. There will also be an opportunity to view the night sky using telescopes.

Venue: St John's Anglican Hall, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

Time: Friday, 14th July, 5.30pm –9.00pm

Bring: A plate to share and warm clothes, blanket, gloves etc

Donation: To contribute towards the hall

Contact: Robert McClean, ph: 022 067 655 or
email: mccleanrobert@gmail.com



Matariki Celebrations in Wellington

Catholic Parish of Wellington South (CPWS) will be having a liturgy on Friday, 14th July to celebrate and welcome Matariki, the New Year at St Annes Church, Emmet Street, Newtown followed by a cup of tea. If you are in the area, please join us or maybe your parish may have something on.

Other Celebrations

Here is a programme from the Wellington City Council celebrating Matariki starting, Thursday, 13th July 2023 from 6pm to Saturday, 15th July 8.30pm

[Wgtn City Council: Matariki Celebrations at Te Papa Forecourt.](#)

For those living in the Ohariu and Kapi Mana Area

[Porirua City Council: Matariki Festival Celebrations and Activities](#)

Other Events/Notices

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Beauty in Islam with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst

Saturday, 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm.

ZOOM. Fee: \$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/>

The Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug and 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series (incl. study material).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

SAVE THE
Date
13Aug 6pm

ST BRIGID'S
QUIZ NIGHT

1841 - Johnsonville

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship

While Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now sold out, we are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship!

There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand.

One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy).

The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before August 15, 2023.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for:



Recently Deceased: Dr Anna Thompson, Ray Jones, Vera Coutinho

Anniversaries: Melanie Lin, Tony & Dominic Campbell, Pio F Roa, Luisa Victa

Prayers for the Sick: Eugene Crosby, Rito Kisteria, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Janet Scapolo, Gerard McDonagh, David Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Penelope Corich, John Fanning, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Kevin Purcell.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Friday 14th July - Friday 21st July

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy
Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am Mass - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

Our Parish Vision

We are missionary disciples of Christ,
in a community of communities,
being transformed in our lives,
and transforming others and our world.

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